

Colutea arborescens in Rhode Island

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Colutea arborescens L., a shrubby member of the Leguminosae with showy yellow flowers marked with red and inflated pods, and native in the Mediterranean region, has recently been reported growing in beach sand at Fields Point, Rhode Island, by Mr. Robert Marks. The shrub has been established for some years and, although battered, survived the recent hurricane. It is likely that this material has not escaped from cultivation here, but has been introduced in ballast or ship waste for, according to Mr. Marks, a ship-line plying between the Mediterranean and this country often tied up at Fields Point.

The species was recognized by Mr. E. J. Alexander from Mr. Marks' field notes and drawings.

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Viola conspersa in Louisiana

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Viola conspersa, Reichenb., the American dog violet, was found growing in ravines at Brezeale Springs, Grande Ecore and Sang-pour-Sang, Natchitoches Parish, Louisiana. This violet was in bloom April 5, 1941. Upon investigation this species will probably be found growing on all the geologically older soils of the northern part of the state. In the same habitat grow many species which were formerly considered to have a more northern range, as *Cypripedium pubescens* Willd., *Polygonatum biflorum* Ell., *Uvularia perfoliata* L., *Woodsia obtusa* Torr., *Viburnum densiflorum* Chapm., *Viburnum prunifolium* L. and *Erythronium americanum* Ker. These plants are able to live in the ravines where the temperature until late in the spring remains much below that of the drier ridges and slopes of the bluffs and hills.

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A THREE-LEAVED, SIX-SEPALED AND NINE-PETALED *Trillium grandiflorum*
In Ulke's rock-garden, at 300 feet elevation, in Washington, D. C. Photo by
R. Lawrence. Collected May 25, 1940.